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Applicant: Gaetan MARTEL
Serial No.: 10/667,439
Filed: September 23, 2003
Title: DEVICE FOR CONCEALING CAULKING JOINT
AND METHOD
Examiner: Nasser Ahmad
Group Art Unit: 1772

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary mailed on February 6, 2006 concerning the interview conducted on January 31, 2006, submitted in accordance with MPEP Section 713.04. Please find below the complete and proper recordation of the substance of the interview.

1. A Brief Description of the Nature or of Any Exhibit Shown or of Any Demonstration Conducted
No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.
2. An Identification of the Claims Discussed
Claim 1 was discussed.
3. An Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed
U.S. Patent No. 5,045,374, issued September 3, 1991 to Tucker, was discussed.

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Commissioner for Patents4. An Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of A Substantive Nature Discussed

Applicant proposed amendment combining the device with watertight surfaces, or including watertight adhesive.

5. A Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner

Applicant argued that Tucker is not flexible, as rigidity is required for Tucker to perform in the intended structural manner. It was also discussed that Tucker does not teach the use of the strip on watertight surfaces or the use of a watertight adhesive.

6. A General Indication of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed

No other pertinent matters were discussed.

7. The General Results or Outcome of the Interview

The Examiner stated that the proposed amendments might be acceptable, pending further review of Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaetan MARTEL

By 

March 6, 2006

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